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PSE Student Award Application Time is Here Again

With the issuance of this Spring 2011 PSE Newsletter, the window of time to apply or reapply for the financial Student Award money is hereby open to those eligible. See more details at the end of this Newsletter, as well as a printable form for application of your EIU son or daughter. The deadline for this application is July 15, 2011.

A Brother's Tribute

In the Fall 2010 online PSE Newsletter, there was just a name listed in the “Brothers Eternal” block, of the passing of one of our Brothers. It seems so out-of-context on our part, that a mere printing of a name should serve to sum up the entire existence of a Brother. However, we are often not privy to the details of that life and death, and most often, did not even know the man. We acknowledge his loss by stating that we “take solace in the fact that we are better for having known them.”

That Brother, amongst others, who was listed in that Newsletter was Scott A. Miller (EIU – 1979). When I first learned of his passing from our regional newspaper, I was taken aback that someone so young was gone from our midst. I contacted a number of Brothers from his era to notify them and on 1/1/11 (Jan. 1st), I received the following email from Bob Pierce, a close friend of Scott's. I was touched by the sincerity of the email and asked Bob if I could reprint it in its entirety in the Newsletter, to which he replied affirmatively. So, from Bob's email, here is the tribute to Scott from some of his friends:

“I did want to share with you that some of us did get together this past October. As you may recall following the news of Scott Miller's passing many of us who were close with Scott began to re-connect. After many emails and greetings with one another we decided it has been too long and we need to get together and that is what we did. We met in the Quad Cities over the first weekend in October. Although about 18 of us were participating in the emails from across the US only eight of us were able to get there that weekend. Dave Panicucci (Cooch) was the ring leader and put together the weekend. Billy Barker and Ted Smith (both who live in the Quad Cities) were fine hosts and others who came in to join in the festivities were Larry Brown, Gerry Emperor, Mark Klotka, Craig Pelham and myself. It was great to see everyone and share old and new stories as well as update one another on our families. We took time for a moment of silence for Scott and then over the course of the next couple of days had many toasts to him and his family. Scott's wife and family moved back to Rochester (outside of Springfield, IL). I get there for business so I have had the opportunity to see her a couple of times and share everyone's loss of Scott. Mark asked for any pictures we had be sent to him and then he put together a DVD. He made two, one as a tribute to Scott and the other a bit lighter for all. In turn several of us brought some old PSE “stuff” with us and I still had my Pledge practice sheet which we took as a group test. Our memory loss has caught up with us individually but as a group we nailed each question.

We discussed about getting together this summer either down there around a Phi Sig get together or up here in Chicago for a baseball game. Probably in the Spring we will start looking at dates.”

That was the letter email that I received from Bob. I am sure that many other groups of Brothers have assembled to honor the loss of a Brother and a friend in the past. It is a testament to our Brotherhood that the bonds that strengthen us in the present have their roots in our past and will continue into our future. Although I have not heard back from Bob recently, I am sure that a summer get together to both reminisce and remember their friend is in the works.

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<i>Update on Pledge Class Listings</i>			
<p>A treasure trove of new information has been gleaned from the archival pages of the Eastern newspapers at Booth Library on the EIU campus. From an initial curiosity about verifying the members of the Fall 1949 PSE pledge class, I looked up the availability of these old newspapers and was informed that indeed they had been saved, but were stored on microfiche film and that there was only one machine that I could use. In modern day comparison, microfiche retrieval is like using a 1 MB Ram Apple computer to run today’s complex software programs. Nonetheless, after a few hours of on and off lessons on this dinosaur of a machine coupled to a printer, I was able to start retrieving old and valuable information from the late 1920’s on. To do it, I am scanning every page of every EIU newspaper that was printed and distributed and then printing out the articles of information that are helping to fill in holes of PSE’s past at EIU. The main thing I am presently looking for are articles about PSE campus life and the listing of pledge classes, both who and when they pledged and who and when they went active. Surprisingly, much of this information is available within the articles and I have arrived into the mid-1950’s time period in the papers. That means I have perused about 27 complete years of newspapers in the last 2 years, off and on when time avails itself. I’m sure some of you are asking or thinking “Get a life”. Actually, I really do have one already. Having been retired 8 years and still doing a fair amount of traveling with my wife Sharon (grandkids out-of-state and new states to see and places to go), the research is almost therapeutic for me and helps invigorate my history interests. So, when things kind of slow down here in Charleston for me, I retreat to the air-conditioned bowels of Booth Library and put in 2-4 hours of machine time. While I was hoping to have some of this information ready to put on our PSE website, I have decided to wait a bit longer to be able to assemble more before doing that. Another surprise, finding many new, interesting articles about the life on campus in the 30’s, 40’s (pre and postwar) and 50’s. My printing capabilities are extremely limited because of the quality of both the old microfiche and the temperamental nature of the lone printer I am relegated to. It is a single machine combination that is available on a first-come, first-serve basis to the general public only, but it is FREE! Not being an EIU student, I do not have a valid ID that would allow me into the more modern capabilities for copying, but at a price. Will update you more in the Fall 2011 Newsletter.</p>			
<i>IBCA Hall of Fame Inductee</i>			
<p>On Saturday, April 30, 2011, Monty Nohren was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Hall of Fame in a ceremony on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal, IL. Originally from Windsor, IL, he was a 3-year starter on the Blue Devils high school team who helped his team win the National Trail Conference (NTC) tournament in 1954 and a third place in 1956. Monty is a 1961 graduate of EIU and stepped right back into the basketball arena as a coach at</p>			

Raymond, IL in 1961-62. After his first year stint there, he moved onto Virginia, IL as an assistant for the 1962-63 and 1963-64 seasons and met his wife Jolene there. From there, he moved onto Carthage, IL as an assistant coach for the 1964-65 and 1965-66 teams, before ending up back at his high school alma mater, Windsor, as an assistant coach in the 1967-68 and 1968-69 seasons. During both of those seasons, Windsor attained second place finishes in the NTC tourneys.

He continued on as a head coach at Stewardson-Strasburg for 15 years, incorporating two different stints of time and amassing a 297-102 record. This included the 1994-95 team which made the IHSA Class A Elite Eight and the 1973-74 team which placed second in the NTC tourney, made a Sweet Sixteen appearance and finished with a 25-5 record. In addition, he served as the Effingham girls' basketball coach in 1992-93, as an assistant at Effingham for nine years and as an assistant at Beecher City. Overall, he coached for 19 years, finishing up with a 351-145 (.716) record in boys' basketball.

On a personal level, Monty was recognized often for his accomplishments and his ability to instill good and sound basketball skills and life values into his players. Several of his former standout players have even been inducted into the IBCA, prior to his induction. Monty was recognized by our local newspaper three times as the Journal Gazette/Times Courier Coach of the Year in 1995, 1997 (with co-coach John Giesler) and again in 2001. In the early 90's, he took a 4-22 team and two years later that team won the NTC tournament title game for the first time since 1981, the first regional title since 1981, the first sectional title since 1974 and a first ever Elite 8 appearance, as well as setting a school record for the number of wins. Quoting one of his star players from that team, "Definitely his work ethic he instilled in us even in baseball carried over. Through his coaching, a small school kid could go on to play college basketball. He taught us real life experiences. What he taught us was about being a man, respecting the community, and he really taught us to be humble. He told us to really develop friendships with your team and to this day I am friends with many players because of Monty Nohren".

Congratulations for a well-deserved honor Monty!

Going Down Nostalgia Lane – Phi Sig Style

You know what? It's a real rush going down memory lane and trying to remember all the crazy things that were part of the pledging experience. Now obviously, I can only speak for a certain era of time and for each of you reading this, your representation of what you remember may be completely different or at least somewhat different in some respects. One thing that seems to be a constant for all of us though, was the fact that we were apparently always called "worms". I even found references to that in some old EIU (EISTC then) newspaper articles from the early-to-mid 30's time period (our infancy at Eastern) and a few articles denoting us as neophytes.

What I'm going to do next is try to awake your memory cells of the good old days in the Phi Sig House. This all came about one day around the first of the year when I was conversing by phone with someone (possibly Ron Rami) and we started living in the past. We started recalling things from days gone by and one laughable recollection led to another until a considerable amount of time had elapsed. I started thinking that if it was fun for us to recall those moments, it might also be fun for all of the rest of you former "worms" out there. Speaking of the House, I assume you remember that our street in Charleston from 1955 on, was Second St. and that our address was 1509 Second St., located next to Burger King and diagonally adjacent to Coffee Time restaurant. Digressing back in time, the first PSE House was located at the SW corner of Sixth & Polk St. (1010 Sixth St.-still there) from Sept. 1930 until Jan. 1935 while the second PSE House moved about a block east to 1014 Seventh St. (still there). In Sept. 1937 the Phi Sigs occupied their third PSE House at 1422 Fourth St. (House gone-Panther Paw Bar & Grill now there), but only for one year before moving east again to 1431 Ninth St., another House that still stands, although it has seen better days. From that Sept. 1938 habitation until Nov. 1955, Phi Sigs called the Ninth. St. abode the PSE House. The last PSE House was occupied at the 1509 Second St. address from Nov. 1955 until the summer of 1986. The property was then sold to a Champaign-based company, who tore down the old PSE House in March 1987 and built a new four-story student apartment complex in its place. I was there to see the demolition and take reminiscent pictures of it.

Now, as a "worm" we had to memorize a phrase just to get into the House to perform our duties. Anybody recall that phrase? Well, that's the kind of info we're looking for! Does "I, worm _____, a poor dumb neophyte, do humbly beg your most honorable permission to enter THE fraternity house." (strong emphasis on THE) ring a bell for you? And that just got you into the House. Once in, if the pay phone at the south end of the second floor hallway (near rooms 8 & 9) rang, you busted your butt to get it no later than the second ring, if possible. Once again, do you recall the rote message you stated upon answering it? No peeking yet-try and remember! Okay, here goes. "Good morning, Good afternoon or Good evening-(choose one!) This is the Delta Chapter of Phi Sigma Epsilon celebrating its _____ and greatest year on campus. Worm _____ speaking. May I help you!" And speaking of answering the phone, do you recall the phone number for the Phi Sig House? Does 345-9070 ring a bell – excuse the pun. That was the Phi Sig number, however the other sometimes even more important phone number was that for Roc's Bar (or Black Front for some of our older brothers). That was 345-9066 and

our new area code of course, was (217). Speaking of area codes, do you remember the Phi Sig fundraising project that we had in the mid-to-late 60's, that of selling booklets of all the new area codes for the entire United States. They had a yellow cover with a caricature of a letter carrier named "Speedy Zip Code" holding a letter and pointing out the correct placement of zip codes for both the addressee and the return address. We sold them to the general public and the Eastern student population for a dollar apiece and we then received a cut of the total sales, although I don't recall how much we made. Now don't forget, that was an entirely new concept at the time and is obviously something we now take for granted. I still have my copy of the "Zip Code Directory – Price \$1.00" and still use it from time to time.

It was the best of times-it was the worst of times! The period of pledgship is filled with a myriad of examples of craziness directed at different members of each and every pledge class. Certain pledges became sponges of directed antagonism because of the way they acted, what they said or who they associated themselves with. Of course, we all had to learn about the actives through the use of pledge books, "worm" t-shirts, tests and pledge projects. And who can forget egg signatures with the requisite egg tosses, getting sorority panty signatures and the regular daily chores around the House, including wake-ups and fast-food requests at all hours of the day and night. Still, everyone settled into a routine that culminated in the weekly Monday night pledge meeting that preceded the regular PSE meeting. To this day I still recall the Greek alphabet and the rapidity upon which it was to be intoned-easier if you grouped it into individual segments. Alpha, beta, gamma, delta, epsilon – zeta, eta, theta, iota - kappa, lambda, mu, nu, xi, omicron – pi, rho, sigma, tau, upsilon – phi, chi, psi, omega. Of course, all these activities were just a prelude to what we all knew was coming some day – HELL WEEK – which we both dreaded and were excited for. It meant the end was near for the drudgery that sometimes wears you down. We just never had any clue what to expect in Hell Week. I could spend a couple of pages of prose here, extolling all of the activities that take place, but since we all lived them, we surely do remember them. Besides that, it is nobody else's business reading about what our pledging Hell Week was all about, which can now occur because of the openness of online texts. Looking back upon that time, I recall it as a confusing, tiring and gratifying experience that no one who has not experienced it, can understand or appreciate.

PSE Tidbits

This year's PSE Golf outing is set to start out with 19 golfers on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Minne Monesse Golf Club in Grant Park, IL, with tee times starting at 12:30 PM. All the information you needed to attend was highlighted early on the PSE Website by Tom Swanson. Information within this Newsletter would have served to remind you of the outing and can still achieve that purpose, even though it is late. If this Newsletter does remind you of the outing, you may still attend the before-tee time gathering or the after golf soiree at Swanney's farmstead. If you still would like to golf, you will have to take that up with Swanney-due to some injury-related participants, there may be an opening and because 19 participants is not easily divisible by any number of foursomes, you may be in luck. Talk to Swanney!

Once again, I am invoking my editorial prerogative to announce that my beautiful, 4-year old granddaughter now has an equally handsome baby brother. He was born on Feb. 22, 2011 and his name is Kendyn Lou-Douglas Brinkmeyer, the son of Justin (my younger son) and Jessica Brinkmeyer and lives in Lincoln, NE. And like the rest of my grandchildren, he had and has more hair than his grandpa (me) has. At his birth, he was an 8 lb. 8 oz., 21 ½ inch clone of his daddy, but he is now attaining a new look and personality unto himself.

The former Ko-op restaurant, located on the SE corner of Lincoln Ave. and Seventh St. in Charleston, IL, is now the home of a new restaurant named "Georgie Boy's". If the name Ko-op sounds familiar to you, it should. It was, and still is, a two-story red brick building that sits directly east of Old Main. It served as a restaurant and place of employment from the 40's through the 70's for many students attending EIU. This included many older Phi Sigs as I was to find out later while perusing the old newspapers and EIU Warbler yearbooks. The second story of the restaurant also originally served as housing for a number of students and has now been converted to apartments. It was originally owned by Walt Warmoth, who also owned the famous eatery Walt's (across the street from McAfee Gym-now called Marty's) and later sold to Larry Mizener, a Phi Sig who worked for Walt at one time. Larry also owned the Short Stop fast food restaurant on the NW corner of Lincoln Ave. and Seventh St (now Domino's Pizza), diagonally across from the Ko-op, and lived in the home on the NE corner. Except for Old Main, Larry controlled that entire busy and popular area of Lincoln and Seventh until his death. The new restaurant is owned by a family from Mattoon and serves a breakfast, lunch and dinner menu fare and seems to be doing well. We can always use a new restaurant here!



Dave Foreman, aka “**Single Wing**” amongst other more colorful nicknames, sends greetings to those he knew while an EIU student and Phi Sig in Charleston in the mid-60’s. I was fortunate enough to finally get together in Savannah, GA, with he and his wife Judy and some mutual friends originally from Charleston, who now live in SC. Dave is a soon (we hope) to be retiring junior high school principal in Gillette, WY. The problem with him retiring earlier is that he really enjoys his job and apparently has almost the perfect boss to work for. Oh, that we could all be so lucky! Dave has one married daughter and one 3-year old grandson who live in Boulder, CO. Close enough for occasional weekend visits, I’ll bet.

More Donations

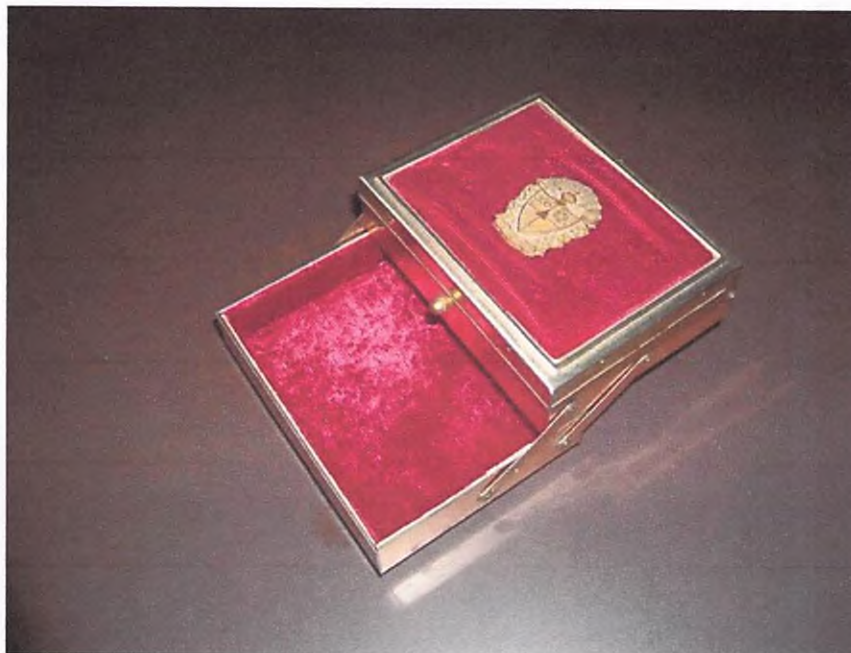
We have continued to receive donations of Phi Sig memorabilia since the Fall 2010 Newsletter went online. Thank you to everyone who contributed to your Archives. Making it available for display keeps it alive, so come by and see it sometime.

Roger Haberer – Roger and Barb were “cleaning out a few boxes and found these Phi Sig items”. They mailed them to me claiming “they should fit into your museum”. What they decided to part with was his PSE pin and Barb’s lavalier from Roger. Unfortunately, the postal service wasn’t so kind to the packaging and it arrived partially torn with the lavalier missing from the ripped package.

Derek Paul – Just after the beginning of the New Year, a large mailer envelope arrived with the Derek Paul return address sticker affixed to it. A brief noted exclaimed “was cleaning out a closet and found these items for the PSE Archives”. Included was a signed pair of panties, two booklets from the 1969 Spring Formal in Vandalia, IL, two PSE crest and Greek letter transfers and ten color photos of casual life around the House, the Lake Charleston spillway, Greek Week and around town. Also included was a listing of the pledges in the Winter ‘67monster class (16 pledges including Derek), a smoker information sheet with the listing of actives and pledges at the time and Derek’s paper lapel triangle denoting his pledge status. Finally, there was a grouping of five IFC and Panhellenic Greek Week booklets from 1968 and 1969 and a P.E., Intramural and Athletic Handbook from 1968-1969. Some great old pictures of many Phi Sigs and their campus contemporaries from that time period are included in those booklets.

Ron Rami – Received a package from Ron Rami that included his “Delta – Phi Sigma Epsilon” invitation to pledge the “Spring Pledge Class – at 7:00 PM – April 5, 1966”. He also included a 3 x 4 inch brass with red velvet jewelry box that is 2-tiered upon opening. The top is a hinged cover layered with velvet with a 1-inch bronze PSE crest affixed to it. Beneath the top cover is a felt-lined enclosed box with multiple squares for small jewelry pieces and below that a full-size box for larger pieces. Ron received it from his sister, who also went to school at Eastern, but was in school shortly after he was, probably in

the early 70's. It was probably a favor from some activity, but she doesn't recall when she got it or from whom and I can't recall ever having seen one before. Any help out there? A picture of it is shown here.



Twenty-First Annual Student Awards

As you may well know by now, the Phi Sigma Epsilon Alumni Assn. has embarked on an annual Student Awards program to financially assist identified children of former Phi Sigs (P.S.E., that is), Delta Chapter at Eastern Illinois University. The Alumni Assn. has been able to award grants totaling nearly \$49,000 over the past 20 years.

With the online receipt of this Newsletter, eligibility is open to you to submit to the PSE Alumni Assn., the names of children who will be attending EIU in Fall 2011 or those already in school as full-time undergraduates.

The cutoff date for submission of the Student Award Information questionnaire form in this Newsletter is July 15, 2011. Upon receipt and verification of children attending or about to attend EIU, notification will be forwarded to you regarding the Student Award. These awards will be presented on Sunday, August 21, 2011, in Charleston. Only one monetary award will be granted per family. This monetary grant is free of all payback and has no provisions as to how it must be used. Additionally, it is restricted by age to those 25 or younger and the PSE Board

STUDENT AWARDS INFORMATION

Alumnus	Name	_____
Info.	Address	_____
	City _____ State	_____
	Zip _____	_____
	Telephone () _____	Email _____
	EIU Graduation _____	Years Attended _____
	Member – 19__ to 19__	
	Pledge Class Year _____	Active _____
	Member – 19__ to 19__	
Student	Name	_____
Info.	Address	_____

also reserves the right to make discretionary exceptions to the above-noted guidelines on a case-by-case basis.

Further inquiry may be addressed to the attention of the PSE Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 931, Charleston, IL 61920 or you may email me at the email address noted on the front page of the Newsletter between the crests.

City _____ State _____
Zip _____
Telephone () _____ EIU I.D. Number _____
Projected EIU Start Date (Semester) _____
Projected EIU Graduation _____

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